

***Unofficial Calendar Leading Up to and Including
The 2005 Session of The VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY***

Summer 04	Legislative Study Committees may conduct their work with the product due as stipulated by the adopted authorization.
July 1, 04	State Budget Year begins; it ends June 30, 2005.
July 19, 04	The 2004 General Assembly established the third Monday in July prior to odd-numbered year sessions for legislators to begin to pre-file legislation for the next session.
Dec 10, 04	Last day for committees to act on continued legislation that may be considered at the 2005 session.
Dec. 15, 04	Governor presents his biennium budget to a joint meeting of Senate Finance, House Appropriations, and House Finance Committees.
Jan. 12, 05	First day of 2005 Session. All pre-filed legislation must have been introduced by the specified hour prior to the start of the session at noon. Special legislation must be introduced today. An organizational resolution is considered to establish the official schedule of the session. Other legislation may be introduced during the first week of the session.
Feb. 8, 05	Each house to finish its own legislation except for the budget bill; passed bills <u>cross over</u> to the other chamber.
Feb 26, 05	Sine die -- last day of session.
Apr 6, 05	Reconvened Session (usually one day) for legislature to act on Governor's vetoes and technical amendments.
July 1, 05	Normal effective date for newly enacted statutes. Next State Fiscal Year for the budget begins.